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EXPORT TARGET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export target of $88 billion has been fixed for 2005-06;

(b) if so, the concrete steps and measures Government is considering to take to achieve this export target;

(c) whether Government propose to launch cold storage chains and warehousing parks in the country to promote exports of agricultural products and small and medium entrepreneurs; and

(d) if so, details thereon alongwith locations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) was announced in August, 2004 with the objective of doubling India`s share of global merchandise trade within the next five years. Some of the key strategies adopted in the FTP include: simplification of procedures, reduction in transaction cost, neutralisation of incidence of all levies and duties on inputs used for exports and identification of special focus areas like agriculture, handlooms, handicraft, gems and jewellery, leather and footwear for further promotion . In addition, Export Promotion Schemes like `Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojna` (Special Agricultural Produce Scheme)and `Target Plus` have been introduced to further accelerate growth of exports.

(c)&(d):Yes, Sir. APEDA has launched a scheme to promote the development of infrastructure with the objective of improving supply chain and cold chain for horticulture and floriculture products. Under one of the components of this scheme, APEDA has set up Centre for Perishable Cargo at airports to provide cold chain and mechanization of movement of pelletes at Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, etc. Besides, setting up of Free Trade and Warehousing Zones (FTWZ) as a Special Category of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) with a focus on trading and warehousing will be permitted under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP).